

House Resolution No. 3077

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Joseph E. "Joe" Francka, an esteemed resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, will officially retire from the Missouri Department of Agriculture on June 1, 2003, after nearly four decades of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Joe Francka joined the Missouri Department of Agriculture as a Field Entomologist in Springfield in 1964 and served in the position of State Entomologist in Jefferson City from 1973 to 1994 before becoming Director of the Division of Plant Industries in 1994; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive tenure with the Department, Joe Francka has been responsible for issues concerning Feed and Seed Regulations, Plant Pest Control, Export Inspection/Certification, and the Integrated Pest Management, Boll Weevil Eradication, Sustainable Agriculture, Apiary Inspection, and Forest Resources programs; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of countless awards and honors including the 1991 Missouri State Employee of the Month award, the 1988 University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Entomology Certificate of Appreciation, and the 1983 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Regulatory Honor Award, Joe Francka is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Cotton Producers of Missouri and the Central Plant Board; and

Whereas, the Coordinator of the Missouri Grape and Wine Program from 1982 to 1984, Joe Francka looks forward to his permanent vacation so that he can spend more time pursuing his favorite hobbies of hunting, fishing, gardening, traveling, and visiting with his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Patty, and his three children, Brian Francka, Denise Haake, and Debbie Lee; and

Whereas, Joe Francka will be honored for the numerous contributions he has made to the Missouri Department of Agriculture during a special retirement reception to be held May 21, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Joe Francka for his thirty-nine years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Agriculture and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joseph E. Francka.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3077, adopted May 21, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker